During Tenth Plan period, ONGC and OIL have planned to invest about Rs. 77.30 crore and Rs. 89 crore respectively.

Exploration is a continuous and dynamic process under which while inputs are deterministic but the outcome probablistic in nature. As a result, no fixed time frame can be given.

Domestic production of oil

†545. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for domestic production of oil through coastal and off shore drilling in the Ninth Five Year Plan and target achieved for the same;

(b) the target fixed for Tenth Five Year Plan;

(c) the latest position of availability of gas and oil in the country as per the present requirement of the same; and

(d) the total amount required for exploitation of resources by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The targets set for production of crude oil by the National Oil Companies, *viz.*, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Oil India Limited (OIL) as well as the projection for crude oil production by Private companies/Joint Ventures (Pvt/JVs) during the 9th Five Year Plan period and the actual performance against them is given below:

[in Million Metric Tonnes (MMT)]

	Onshore		Offshore		Total	
Company	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual
ONGC	50.73	41.47	94.17	87.58	144.89	129.05
OIL	16.47	16.10	—	—	16.47	16.10
Pvt/JV	—*	0.36	—*	17.44	19.46**	17.80

Note:

* No projection by Pvt/JVs was made for oil production from onshore and offshore areas separately.

** Projection for oil production in 9th Five Year Plan period for fields/blocks operated by Pvt/JVs in onshore and offshore areas was 19.46 MMT.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) The targets fixed for crude oil production by ONGC and OIL for 10th Five Year Plan are 130.025 MMT and 18.70 MMT, respectively. The projection for oil production as per the 10th Five Year Plan for fields/blocks operated by Pvt/JVs is 20.654 MMT.

(c) During 2003-04, the indigenous production of crude oil was 33.373 MMT as against the total crude oil requirement of 118.678 MMT. The shortfall was met through import.

As regards natural gas, the production during 2003-04 was 87.32 Million Metric Standard Cubic Metres per day (MMSCMD) as against the demand of 155 MMSCMD projected in the 10th Plan document.

(d) The Plan outlays for the exploitation of oil and gas resources by ONGC and OIL during the 10th Five Year Plan are Rs. 22,267 cr. and Rs. 2,343 cr., respectively.

As regards Pvt/JVs, the total fund requirement for extraction of oil from various sources by the end of 10th Five Year Plan has not been firmed up. However, the actual expenditure incurred by Pvt./JVs on blocks awarded under NELP for development activities from 2002-03 to 2004-05 (upto Sept. 2004) of the 10th Plan is Rs. 7,379 cr.

ONGC's Achievements

546. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount invested by the ONGC for acquiring MRPL refining company from the Aditya Birla Group;

(b) the growth recorded in the investment in 15 months' time by the ONGC; and

(c) the details of other such performance achievements made by ONGC during the last one and a half year?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) have invested Rs. 1,040.57 crore in the equity of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL), including Rs. 59.43 for the acquisition of the entire shareholding of the Aditya Birla Group in MRPL during March 2003-July 2003.